January 12, 2020 2020 Vision vision 2020 VISION IS A PICTURE OF THE FUTURE THAT IS BASED ON GOD'S PROMISES THAT PRODUCES PASSION IN A PERSON THIS IS NOT MERELY SOMETHING THAT COULD BE DONE...IT IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE DONE. A SENSE OF URGENCY. **His Mission. Our Focus.** 2020 ישׁוַה אַ CHAZAH <02377 שווו CHAZON **BIBLICAL VISION IS...** משוה ה SEEING, BEHOLDING AND PERCEIVING THE MEANING: VISION, BEHOLD, SEE, PERCEIVE (DIVINE COMMUNICATION) DIVINE COMMUNICATION (GOD'S WORD & WILL), WITH THE INTENTION TO TRUST AND USAGE: 35 & 51 & 4 TIMES = 91X IN OT FOLLOW THROUGH ON THAT COMMUNICATION. **Proclaiming** Celebrating **Applying LAST SUNDAY'S REVIEW God's Love God's Love** God's Love through Through through A VISION OF WHO GOD IS Evangelism Worship Discipleship A VISION OF WHY JESUS CAME A VISION OF WHAT WE SHOULD DO & Missions & Fellowship & Ministry 1. SEEK GOD AS YOUR PRIORITY 2. LOOK TO JESUS 3. SHOW COMPASSION Our Vision Statement: Encouraging a personal relationship with God 4. SHARE THE GOSPEL in Broussard, Acadiana and the world. vision Our Purpose Statement 2020 **Loving God...Loving One Another OUR PURPOSE: Our Vision Statement** LOVING GOD...LOVING ONE ANOTHER Encouraging a personal relationship with God by making disciples for Christ OUR VISION: ENCOURAGING A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD BY MAKING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST in Broussard. Acadiana and the world. **Our Mission & Strategy** IN BROUSSARD, ACADIANA AND THE WORLD **Proclaiming** Celebrating **Applying** God's Love God's Love God's Love Through through through Evangelism Worship Discipleship & Fellowship & Missions & Ministry

Our Affirmations of Faith Statement

I Am the LORD your God You shall have no other gods before Me (Exodus 20:2,3).

These doctrinal affirmations will help you renew your mind and take your stand on the truth.

- 1. "I recognize that there is only one true and living God (*Exodus 20:2,3*), who exists as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that He is worthy of all honor, praise, and worship as the Creator, Sustainer, and Beginning and End of all things (*Revelation 4: 11; 5:9,10; Isaiah 43:1,7,21*).
- 2. I recognize Jesus Christ as the Messiah, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:1,14). I believe that He came to destroy the works of Satan (1 John 3:8), that He disarmed the rulers and authorities, having triumphed over them (Colossians 2:15).

- 3. I believe that God has proven His love for me, because when I was still a sinner Christ died for me (*Romans 5:8*). I believe that He delivered me from the domain of darkness and transferred me to His kingdom, and in Him I have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (*Colossians 1:13,14*).
- 4. I believe that I am now a child of God (1 John 3: 1-3). I believe that I was saved by the grace of God through faith, that it was a gift and not the result of any works on my part (Ephesians 2:8).
- 5. I choose to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might (*Ephesians 6:10*). I put no confidence in the flesh (*Philippians 3:3*), for the weapons of my warfare are not of the flesh (2 Corinthians 10:4). I put on the whole armor of God (*Ephesians 6:10-17*), and I resolve to stand firm in my faith and resist the evil one". (*Reprinted from Neil Anderson. Daily in Christ. December 30*)

Our Biblical Statement

The Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20... ¹⁸ Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Great Commandment: Mark 12:28-32 ... "Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹ "This is the most important," Jesus answered: Listen, Israel! The Lord our God, The Lord is One. ³⁰ <u>Love the Lord your God</u> with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. ³¹ "The second is: <u>Love your neighbor</u> as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Great Empowerment: Acts 1:8... "But you will receive <u>power when the Holy Spirit</u> has come upon you, and you will be <u>My witnesses</u> in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

OUR MISSION & STRATEGY STATEMENTS

PROCLAMAING GOD'S LOVE

EVANGELISM

"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES" & "BE MY WITNESSES"

<u>EVANGELISM</u> of our community by communicating God's love and desire for a transforming relationship with them through Christ.

I Peter 3:15..."Always be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (NIV)

MISSIONS

"G0...TO ALL NATIONS"... "ENDS OF THE EARTH"

<u>MISSIONS</u> outreach to extend God's Kingdom by establishing new churches and mission points around the world.

Acts 1:8... you will be My witnesses... to all the world."

I Tim. 2:4... (God) desires all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth."

CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE

WORSHIP –

"LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD"

WORSHIP our Master by celebrating His presence.

Psalm 34:3..." *O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together.*"

Psalm 122:1..."I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.""

FELLOWSHIP -

"BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME."

<u>FELLOWSHIP</u> incorporation of new believers as members into God's family, His church. **Ephesians 2:19...** " So then you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and personal devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment. We should strive to 'avoid even the appearance of evil' while maintaining a strong Biblical witness, including the avoidance of gossip, unkind criticism, excessive anger, the use and marketing of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, illegal drugs, and the abuse of prescription drugs, and pornography. We should use our influence to support: the Sanctity of Life, Biblical Marriage, and Biblical gender identities (male or female as created by God), remaining faithful and zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. Amen.

APPLYING GOD'S LOVE

DISCIPLESHIP

"TEACH THEM TO OBSERVE"

DISCIPLESHIP development by equipping and edifying God's people.

Ephesians 4:12b-13..."building up the church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and <u>maturity</u>... until all become mature in the Lord".

MINISTRY

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR."

MINISTRY flowing through our spiritual gifts to show God's love to all the world.

John 13:34a..."A new command I give to you 'Love one another as I have loved you"...

I Peter 4:10... "Each one of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others."

Matthew 25:35-36... "I was a stranger & you invited Me in, I needed clothes and you gave Me, in prison and you visited Me."